

Environmental Document

The Cincinnati Streetcar will be funded, in part, with federal funds, requiring compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Approval of an Environmental Assessment (EA) document is a critical next step in utilizing the TRAC, CMAQ, and Urban Circulator funds that have been awarded, as well as remaining eligible for current and future federal funding opportunities.

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is serving as the lead federal agency for the project and is currently reviewing the EA that the City completed.

As part of the NEPA process, the project must also comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

A Section 106 review to determine the project's impact on historic properties, conducted by the Ohio Historic Preservation Office (OHPO), must be initiated by the lead federal agency. FTA has authorized the City to begin this process on its behalf, and the City has transmitted a Phase I History/Architectural survey for the project conducted by Gray & Pape, Inc. to OHPO. As the project is contained entirely within existing right-of-way, it is expected that the streetcar will have little to no impact on historic resources in the project area.